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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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REPARATIONS DEMANDS.

OCCUPATION OF THE RUHR THREATENED.

THE ALLIED CONFERENCE.

LONDON, April 24.

Reuter learns that Mr. Lloyd George, M. Briand, and Mr. Lams held a conference at Hythe this afternoon at which the French proposals were discussed. No decision was reached because the conversations were only informal. Decisions will be made at the meeting of the Supreme Council which is to be held on April 30, in London if the strike continues but otherwise in Paris. It is understood, however, that the premiers are agreed with regard to general decisions, subject to confirmation by the Supreme Council. On principle, the adoption of the French proposals is unanimous. It is understood that in the event of occupation of the Ruhr no British troops will be employed, but there will be certain cavalry and tanks to show the solidarity of the Allies. It is pointed out that the Paris agreement still stands without suggestion of any modification of it.

LONDON, April 24.

The Hythe conference lasted all day. The premiers examined the experts' reports on the German note with regard to reconstruction of the devastated areas and afterwards discussed methods of exacting payment from Germany. It is stated that the discussions showed complete British and French agreement with regard to the necessity of immediately compelling Germany to pay. The premiers examined methods suggested in liberal and labour circles to impose fresh sanctions in order to produce a satisfactory solution.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, April 24.

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed by a representative of Reuter, stated that the two premiers discussed the question of further penalties. One difficulty was another German note being on its way. He said that the last German note was satisfactory as far as it went, but it only dealt with part of the question. It did not even touch the balance of reparations. He anticipated that the next conference would be held on April 30 in London. All the Allies would be present. Meanwhile it was idle to talk of conclusions being reached. The Hythe talks had been very friendly. The occupation of the Ruhr was discussed. There was no doubt that if Germany did not make a satisfactory proposal the Allies would occupy the Ruhr. Nobody wanted to do this except as a means to an end, but Germany was undoubtedly in default. Meanwhile the Government was awaiting fresh proposals from Berlin. Germany's last note did not contain any plan but only indications. Britain did not want to impose terms but was convinced that Germany was able to pay the Paris terms.

THE REICHSBANK RESERVES.

LONDON, April 24.

The strange discrepancy in the reports on the amount of the German reply with regard to the Reichsbank gold reserves has been cleared up. Contrary to the Brussels message dated April 23, the text of the reply transmitted by Paris messages shows that the Germans oppose the Allied demand on the ground that the Reichsbank is a private and independent company and its removal would entail a very serious economic crisis in Germany, but offered immediately to introduce legislation extending until October 1 the prohibition of the export of gold from Germany without the approval of the Reparations Commission which expires on May 1.

JAPAN'S CROWN PRINCE.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AT MALTA.

IMPRESSIVE SCENES.

MALTA, April 24.

After a storm of great violence the day dawned fine and bright. Valetta wore her gayest aspect and the route through which the Prince was to pass was beflagged with British, Japanese and Maltese flags and other devices. Long before the Prince's arrival every vantage place surrounding the harbour was packed with people standing ten or fifteen deep. The "Katori" and "Kashima" were escorted into the harbour by six British destroyers with seaplanes hovering overhead. The "Katori" entered first, the Prince standing on the bridge. The ships steamed slowly to their moorings amid a thundering salute from the British warships which were dressed from stem to stern, with the Japanese flag flying at the mainmast. The British crews manned the ship and cheered lustily, whilst the bands played the Japanese anthem. The Governor is now boarding the "Katori" to welcome the Royal visitor.

DENSE CROWDS.

LATER.

At upon the Crown Prince landed from a pinnace at the Customs House, accompanied by members of his suite. The Governor received him with a guard of honour of the Malta Artillery. The royal salute was given and the Japanese anthem played. The Prince, who was wearing admiral's uniform and decorations, looked very well. He inspected the guard and afterwards entered the Governor's motor car and drove to the Palace through densely packed streets lined with police. Alighting at the Palace Square, which was thronged to its utmost capacity, the Prince received the Royal salute from the Essex's guard of honour, the band playing the anthem and the crowds uncovering their heads and displaying other signs of respectful welcome. At the Palace, besides the Governor, the Archbishop, flag officers and heads of civil, naval, and military departments had assembled and were presented severally. After that the Crown Prince returned on board. This afternoon he is attending the opera.

LATER.

The Crown Prince, accompanied by the Governor, and attended by suite, was present at a maritime performance of "Othello" in the Theatre Royal which was decorated. Leaving the theatre the Prince received an enthusiastic ovation from a large crowd outside. The Prince motored to a shipyard. To-night a state dinner will be given at San Antonio Palace and afterwards a reception will be held. British officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force are entertaining the Japanese officers at the Union Club whilst British warrant officers and men are entertaining their Japanese counterparts.

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A DISPUTED RECEIPT.

CRIMINAL COURT PROSECUTION.

Charges of forgery and false pretences involving a sum of \$5,000 were preferred at the Criminal Court to-day against a Chinese named Shan Lai-sang, managing partner of the Kowloon Stores. The case was heard before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Compertz) and a jury of seven, composed as follows:—Messrs. W. Stewart (foreman), C. H. Summers, A. L. Silva, H. J. Lamb, J. M. Silva, R. C. Wallace and P. R. Giesdinning.

The complaint in the case is a Dutch merchant and, during the empanelling of the jury, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, the accused's counsel, challenged one of the jurors called, on the ground apparently of the latter's Dutch nationality. The next jurymen called proved to be a Chinese and the Crown Prosecutor (Mr. F. Dyer Ball), remarking that he was equally justified in entering an objection on the ground of nationality, had him stood down also.

Briefly outlining the Crown case to the jury, Mr. Dyer Ball related that the complainant, Mr. Jan Hendrik van Gennep Luhrs, was managing director of the Holland-Pacific Trading Company, a firm of importers and exporters. In the early part of last August an arrangement was made under which the firm was to supply the Kowloon Stores, with a quantity of wines and spirits on consignment. Accused's firm was to receive three per cent. commission on all goods sold and in accordance with the agreement shipments of wines and spirits were forwarded for sale on that basis. Accused paid up fairly well for the goods he sold at first but by the end of the year his indebtedness amounted to \$2,000. Mr. Luhrs brought pressure to bear on accused and, although further payments were made a debit balance of \$1,000 still remained. On February 17 a writ was issued against accused for the recovery of the amount and accused paid the debt before the matter came into Court.

On the day when the summons against the accused was paid, counsel proceeded, Luhrs received from the accused's solicitors a letter claiming payment of \$4,638.13 alleged to be due in respect of cash deposited and commission. Complainant was amazed and on applying to the accused's solicitors for an explanation of the matter he was shown a document purporting to be a receipt, signed by Mr. Luhrs, for the sum of \$5,000 alleged to have been deposited with him by the accused. There were striking resemblances between the document in question and certain blank contract forms, bearing complainant's signature, which accused had obtained for the ostensible purpose of negotiating forward sales. The Crown Prosecutor said that it was not disputed that the signature on the document was that of Mr. Luhrs and it looked as though the paper on which the alleged receipt was written had been cut out of one of the contract forms. Complainant denied that he had received the sum of \$5,000 from the accused.

Evidence on the lines of counsel's opening statement and similar to that adduced at the Police Court hearing was proceeding when this edition went to press.

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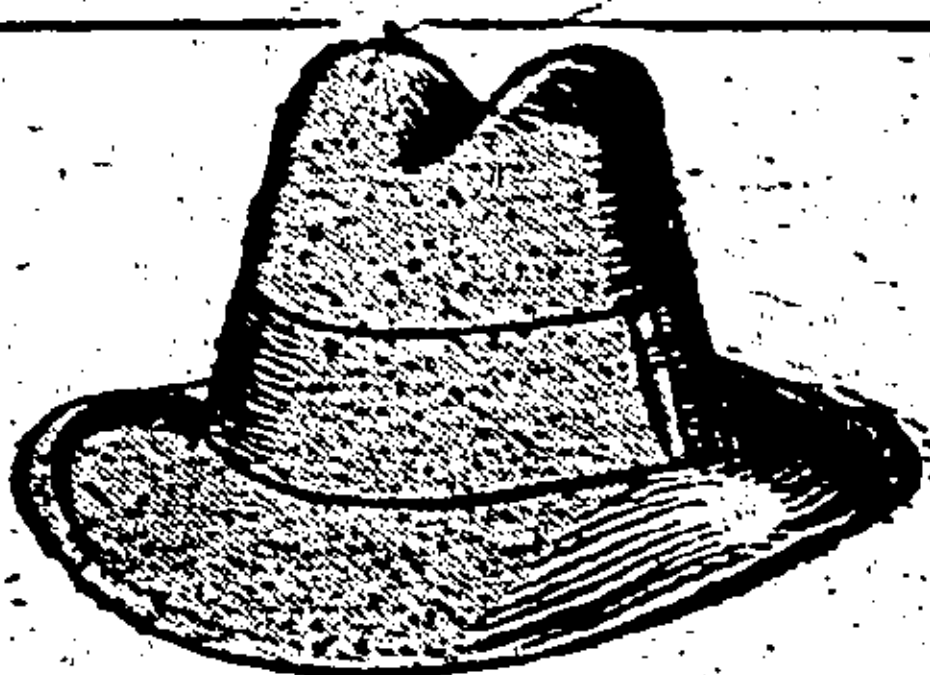
In the sense in which this phrase is used to-day, it is understood to mean days of peace, a period of calm and prosperity and happiness. But were it not for a metaphorical significance, "halcyon days" would properly occur only during the week preceding and the week following the winter solstice—the shortest day in the year.

These fourteen days were, by the ancient Greeks, called "halcyon" because of the legend that the king-fisher or halcyon bird was making its nest at this time of the year, and that the sea was always still, in order that the male bird might have no trouble in securing food for himself and his mate. This misconception of natural history persisted in spite of the fact that the Greeks were really deep students of bird and animal life, but gradually the phrase was used only in its figurative sense—as applying to peace, tranquillity and contentment—a smile for "the good old days" to which persons of the passing generation are always referring.

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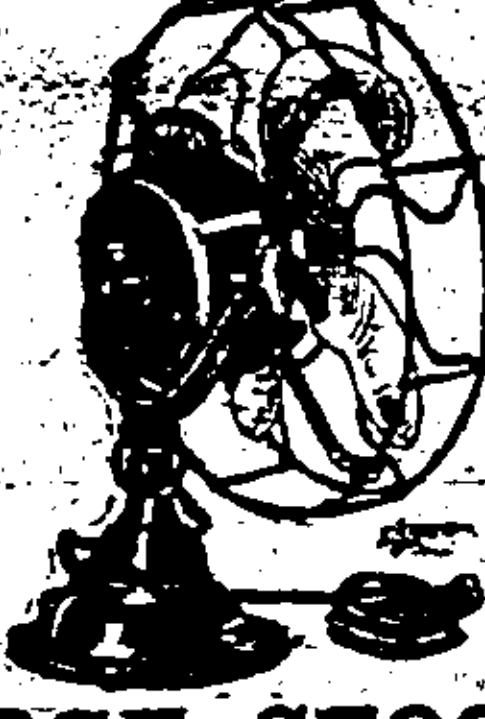
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Reverend Mother Felicie desires to thank all friends for their kind sympathy in the loss sustained by the French Convent through the death of Sister Macarie and for floral tributes sent to the funeral.

BIRTH.

TILBURN.—On Saturday, April 16, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Tilburn, a son.

MARRIAGE.

ROBERTS-LEE.—On April 16, 1921, at Shanghai, Robert William Roberts, eldest son of the late Mr. Wm. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, Oswestry, to Ethel Mary, only daughter of the Rev. H. Phillips Lee and Mrs. Lee, Wem.

DEATHS.

WOLFENDALE.—On March 29, 1921, at Luchow, Szechuan, Richard Wolfendale, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., of the Canadian Methodist Mission, aged 55 years.

POND.—On April 16, 1921, at Shanghai, Albert Victor Pond, 2nd officer, China Navigation Co., Ltd., aged 24 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1921.

REASON FOR TAXATION.

Figures in the last Gazette suggest good reason for increased taxation. The cost of government tags along with H.C.L. Your governor was estimated to cost you \$88,321 and he cost you \$90,526.45, or

\$13,323.30 more than the year before. No doubt he was worth it all, but we think the odd 45 cents might have been abated. The Colonial Secretary's department cost you \$16,897.29 more than in 1919, and Chinese affairs were \$5,081.70 more expensive. The Treasury, which could save a lot of money by being its own banker, cost \$74,222.34, or \$11,145.40 more than in the previous year. The Harbour Master's department, though actually costing \$4,264.72 less than in 1919, was well over the estimate. The Imports and Exports Department cost \$502,114.66, which was actually less by \$307,512.58 than the year before. That, however, may be less gratifying than it looks, if it means that the staff had less to do, owing to a falling off in trade. Our Kowloon institution, the Royal Observatory, cost \$25,905.53, and we surmise that the real improvements already described in the China Mail need not have cost so much, but for the Crown Agent system. Justice cost us \$35,156.70 more, or \$286,591.65, a good article is always worth the money. Police and prisons cost \$425,859.73 extra (a million and a half altogether) but we cannot grumble, because we insisted on paying our police fairer wages, and we did really require a less Gilbertian jail than the city one proved to be. The Medical department cost \$331,020.81, or an increase of \$66,496.06. Here again we got our money's worth. The Sanitary Department (increase of \$78,886.44) is apparently not a medical department, as it has its own line in the ledger. None will begrudge the small increase on botanical and forestry development, which cost \$55,975.40, or \$4,517.84 more. Education was considerably dearer, as we have always said it should be. We spent \$170,706.12 more on it than we did in 1919, the total being \$637,512.55, nearly \$40,000 over the estimate. It should cost less, but we have no choice. Our military expenditure was \$2,789,206.68 (much less than the year before) but the sense of spending nearly three millions in this way escapes us. Most of it must be pure waste, not even to be regarded as an insurance premium, for it insures nothing. The Public Works Department, as was guessed, dipped deep into our attenuated purse. \$2,555,877.69 being put down as extraordinary expenditure, which means \$29,874.74 more than in 1919 spent on new works. Roads for motorists? The Kowloon-Canton railway absorbed \$822,567.68 of our funds, or \$384,975.23 more than the previous year. Some subsidy. Fortunately we were able to note on the other side an increased revenue of \$330,176.10, or \$30,083.33 more than in 1919. If it keeps on at that rate, and the Crown Agents develop a conscience, the line should begin to pay in fifty years or so. Altogether, our revenue was \$1,843,302.97 less than the previous year, the decrease occurring in "licences and internal revenue not otherwise specified," which looks rather like an argument in favour of the new stamp duties, does it not?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One fatal case of plague and two fatal cases of small-pox, also a non-fatal case of small-pox (all Chinese) were reported on Friday.

One fatal case of small-pox was reported on Saturday, also two non-fatal cases of enteric fever, one of diphtheria, and another of cerebro spinal fever, all Chinese.

The Diplomatic Corps at Peking has approved the remittance of \$300,000 out of the Customs revenue for plague prevention work along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

The wedding is announced to take place shortly, of Mr. Harry Gordon Baxter of the Chartered Bank and Miss Dorothea Farmer, daughter of Mr. W. Farmer, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Shaheen, Canton.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held to-morrow afternoon a letter will be read from the Government relative to the proposed campaign against mosquitoes. The Board will also consider the appointment of Mr. James Reid to be a Second Class Sanitary Inspector.

"Make good music popular and popular music good" is the slogan adopted by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in a campaign just started to drive out jazz and improve American music generally. The campaigners are headed by Mrs. Marx E. Oberndorfer (Anne Shaw Faulkner).

The Danish Chinese Commercial Company, of 1A, Chater Road, is advertising the "niffick" vacuum cleaner in our issue to-day. The cleaner is made in a portable size and with attachments can be used for cleaning upholstered furniture, books, tapestry, carpets, machinery, horses and automobiles. The Danish Chinese Commercial Co. hold the sole agency.

Mr. Alfred Hicks, the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph, who sails for home this week on leave, was entertained at dinner in the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday by his colleagues on the local English newspapers. Mr. T. Petrie presided and there were twenty journalists present. Tributes were paid to the personality of the guest both as a man and a journalist, and hopes were expressed that he would return to the Colony with renewed vigour and energy after an enjoyable holiday at home.

ROWING.

END OF THE SEASON.

V.R.C.'S FINAL RACES.

The Victoria Recreation Club marked the close of the rowing season yesterday afternoon by holding a series of races at Black Boulder. There was a good attendance of spectators at the fixture and some interesting racing was witnessed. Gratification was expressed by the Secretary of the Club (Mr. R. C. Widdell), in the course of a brief speech, at the keen interest taken by members and the congratulated crews, who had made such a good showing at the R.H.K.Y.C.'s regatta the previous day. On behalf of the Club he thanked those who had donated trophies, particularly Mr. McKirdy for the presentation of the Vice-Commodore's Cup. A distribution of prizes was made subsequently by Mrs. Dixon.

Junior Fours.—Won by Mr. G. May's crew (J. Berenson, H. Mason and C. Earnshaw).
Tub Sculling.—1st Race, J. Berenson; 2nd Race, G. Tignor.
Mosquito Yacht Race (for non-boat owners).—1st Race, H. Olsen; 2nd, H. Farmer.
Scratch Fours (lady coxswains).—1st Race, Mrs. R. Widdell; 2nd, Mrs. R. Widdell.
Race out for Mosquito Yachts (for the Vice-Commodore's Cup).—1st, "Bo" (Mr. S. Berg); 2nd, "Chic" (Mr. Alve).

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

STAMP DUTY BILL AMENDMENTS.

The Legislative Council met in the Council Chamber this afternoon when the following members were present: His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Dr. Chaudhry, C.M.G.). His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I.). The Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe). The Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.). The Hon. Colonial Treasurer (Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E.). The Hon. Director of Education (Mr. E. A. Irving). The Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. S. B. C. Ross). The Hon. Director of Public Works (Mr. T. L. Perkins). The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chiu-pak. The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang. The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook. The Hon. Mr. A. J. Stephens. The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird. Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Clerk of Council.

Mr. A. O. Lang took the oath on taking his seat as member representing the Chamber of Commerce, in the place of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, on leave.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 25 to 26 and Report of Finance Committee No. 4.

HON. MR. BIRD'S QUESTION.

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bird asked the following question:—In view of the fact that the housing problem is still acute and that the Dairy Farm Co. hold some 210 acres of highly suitable and accessible building land on the cool side of the Island, will the Government take preliminary steps to develop some spot on the mainland, such as the slopes of the Shatin Valley, with a view to ultimate removal of the Company's sheds and cattle to such spot and the resumption of the land at present in its possession?

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied:—The Government has for some time past been in communication with the Dairy Farm Co. in the matters referred to in the question, but it is not possible to make any statement at present.

FORMAL BILLS.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the management of property, rights and powers to successive holders of the office of Custodian of Enemy Property."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause for clause.

Coming out of committee, the Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and there being no objection, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, as amended by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) Order, 1920, and by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded.

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In moving the third reading of the Stamp Duty Amendment Bill the Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Kemp) expressed the thanks of the Government to those bodies and individuals who had given assistance in connection with the framing of the measure.

Most of the criticism levelled against the Bill had, he said, taken the form of effort to reduce the various duties imposed by the Bill and to induce the Government to omit certain other duties altogether. Even though the Government had not been able to agree with all the arguments put forward those arguments had helped them to come to a just decision. It had been suggested that the Government might have met the position by simply doubling the present duties but there were, he pointed out, a good many items in the Bill which could not fairly be doubled or increased at all. There were other duties which could not safely be doubled because the probable effect of doubling them would be either to drive trade away from the Colony or else to encourage evasion.

It had been suggested that the Attorney-General proceeded, that the duties imposed by the Bill constituted an "attack on free trade." He ventured to say that that was an improper use of the term "free trade" and that nothing in the Bill had any bearing on the question.

He mentioned that fact in case the idea should get abroad that Hongkong was abandoning its policy of free trade. Another suggestion made for dealing with the deficiency in revenue was that they should obtain money by means of short loans and not rely upon taxation for development works but that was, he considered, a very shortsighted policy. Some of the provisions of the Bill would have to be altered and some would be abandoned altogether.

The Attorney-General indicated that such clause 29 of clause 3, containing a definition of the term "vesting order" would be omitted and clause 21, dealing with agreements for sale would be dropped altogether.

A drafting amendment would be necessary in the case of clause 23 which had regard to exchange contracts. Owing to the many difficulties experienced it was proposed to abandon clause 29, dealing with late registration duty, and an increase would be provided in the duty on share contract notes instead. He could not fully grasp the objection to clause 41, dealing with the liability of corporate firms, etc., but the Government were prepared to alter the provision to some extent.

EXCHANGE CONTRACTS. The following is the Proposed new Draft of Clause 23 and of Heading 22 of the Stamp Duty Bill:—
23.—(1). When any exchange contract is, either wholly or in part, cancelled, or set off, or otherwise terminated by some transaction upon which neither bill of exchange nor telegraphic transfer duty is paid, the seller shall forthwith execute a cancellation note, which shall set forth the amount of currency so cancelled or set off or otherwise released, and such cancellation note shall be stamped with the duty specified in the schedule to this Ordinance.
(2). The duty shall be calculated on the equivalent of the sum of foreign currency in the currency of the Colony at the rate of exchange which under the contract would be the rate of exchange for delivery on the date on which the contract is, wholly or in part, cancelled, or set off, or otherwise terminated by the transaction on which neither bill of exchange nor telegraphic transfer duty is paid.
(3). If the exchange contract is only partly cancelled, or set off, or otherwise terminated by a transaction on which neither bill of exchange nor telegraphic transfer duty is paid, exchange contract duty shall be paid on the equivalent in Hongkong currency, as provided in the preceding sub-section, of the amount of foreign currency cancelled, or set off, or otherwise released.
(4). Without prejudice to the rights of the seller and purchaser inter se, the seller shall be liable under this Ordinance for the stamping of any exchange contract cancellation note which is required to be stamped under the provisions of this section.
(5). Every exchange contract cancellation note shall be duly stamped within two days after the exchange contract has been wholly or in part cancelled, or set off, or otherwise terminated as aforesaid, provided that no general holiday shall be reckoned in the computation of the said period of two days.
(6). No duty shall be payable upon exchange contracts for the account and in the name of any person ordinarily resident or carrying on business in Canton if the transaction bona fide originated in and is financed in Canton.
(7). In this section, and in Heading 22 of the Schedule to this Ordinance, the term seller means the corporate body, firm or individual whose obligation to supply any sum in a currency other than the currency of the Colony is cancelled or set off or otherwise terminated.

STARTLING STATEMENT.

AN ALLEGED BIG CONSPIRACY.

The contents of a packet which was found recently attached to a burning fuse half-way up the Column of Victory in the big square in front of the Reichstag have been found to consist of three kilograms of picric acid, twenty-nine dynamite cartridges, and four peroxide cartridges. But for the lucky finding of the parcel and the prompt detachment of the fuse the charge would have exploded in about six minutes and not only have demolished the column but also wrecked a good many of the buildings which surround the square. The loss of life would almost certainly have run into hundreds. The *Adelungsblatt* makes the startling statement that the police have discovered the attempt on the column to be only one feature of a vast plot for blowing up public buildings and killing public men by means of internal machines. The paper says that quantities of dynamite and other violent explosives have already been found in other parts of the city. Those concerned in the conspiracy are, however, not foreigners, as the persons who deposited the packet on the Column of Victory were supposed to be, but Germans. Their aims are said to be political, but no hint is given as to what party they belong to or what they hoped to attain by wholesale blowings up.

(3) Extension of time of an original mortgage, whether endorsed on the mortgage deed or not—20 cents for every \$100 or part thereof of the principal sum secured.

(4) Transfer or assignment of any mortgage, bond, debenture, or covenant (except a marketable security), or of any money or stock secured by any such instrument, or by any warrant of attorney to enter up judgment, or by any judgment.—The same as in No. 3.

(5) Where any further money is added to the money already secured.—The same as in No. 3.

INSURANCE DUTY.

The proposed new draft of heading 34 is as follows:—Policy of Insurance.—(1) Life Policies, 25 cents for every \$1,000 or part thereof insured; (overbought); before execution. (2) Life Policies, renewal receipts, 5 cents (adhesive); before delivery. (3) Marine Policies, hull risks for time, 25 cents for every \$1,000 or part thereof insured; (overbought); before execution.

(4) Floating Policies, for each endorsement, (5) Marine Policies, other than those specified above, and (6) Fire, Accident and all other policies not specifically referred to above, where the amount insured does not exceed \$1,000; 20 cents; where the amount insured exceeds \$1,000; 50 cents. (7) Renewals, except life renewals, the same duty as on the original policy.

(From No. 5 to No. 7 the words "overbought" and "before execution" apply, while the insurer pays in every instance).
OTHER AMENDMENTS.
A proposed amendment to clause 45 provides that "no prosecution shall be instituted under this Ordinance except with the consent of the Collector."

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INVISIBLE SEARCHLIGHT.

NEW NAVAL DEVICE.

The production of an invisible searchlight, that can be used in sending messages for naval purposes without the possibility of detection, is the problem set, half in jest, half in earnest, by Admiral Bullard, of the United States Naval Communications Service. Mr. W. D. Ryan, an authority on electrical illumination, promised that he would see what could be done to produce a cylindrical light core, rendered invisible by the use of refracted rays. An incandescent lamp searchlight of 7,000,000 candle power was shown to some visitors who evinced astonishment when Mr. Ryan told them that experiments had demonstrated that it was possible to increase a 600,000 candle power light to 1,200,000 without additional electrical power, by simply conserving light rays heretofore wasted. This waste was caused by the employment of parabolic lenses, he explained. The laboratory had discovered that searchlight lenses, if built with mirrors curved on new lines not parabolic, would conserve most of the lost rays, and the discovery was about to be put to the practical use of doubling the power of existing searchlights.

EXPLOSIVES IN BERLIN.

STARTLING STATEMENT.

AN ALLEGED BIG CONSPIRACY.

The contents of a packet which was found recently attached to a burning fuse half-way up the Column of Victory in the big square in front of the Reichstag have been found to consist of three kilograms of picric acid, twenty-nine dynamite cartridges, and four peroxide cartridges. But for the lucky finding of the parcel and the prompt detachment of the fuse the charge would have exploded in about six minutes and not only have demolished the column but also wrecked a good many of the buildings which surround the square. The loss of life would almost certainly have run into hundreds. The *Adelungsblatt* makes the startling statement that the police have discovered the attempt on the column to be only one feature of a vast plot for blowing up public buildings and killing public men by means of internal machines. The paper says that quantities of dynamite and other violent explosives have already been found in other parts of the city. Those concerned in the conspiracy are, however, not foreigners, as the persons who deposited the packet on the Column of Victory were supposed to be, but Germans. Their aims are said to be political, but no hint is given as to what party they belong to or what they hoped to attain by wholesale blowings up.

(3) Extension of time of an original mortgage, whether endorsed on the mortgage deed or not—20 cents for every \$100 or part thereof of the principal sum secured.

(4) Transfer or assignment of any mortgage, bond, debenture, or covenant (except a marketable security), or of any money or stock secured by any such instrument, or by any warrant of attorney to enter up judgment, or by any judgment.—The same as in No. 3.

(5) Where any further money is added to the money already secured.—The same as in No. 3.

INSURANCE DUTY.

The proposed new draft of heading 34 is as follows:—Policy of Insurance.—(1) Life Policies, 25 cents for every \$1,000 or part thereof insured; (overbought); before execution. (2) Life Policies, renewal receipts, 5 cents (adhesive); before delivery. (3) Marine Policies, hull risks for time, 25 cents for every \$1,000 or part thereof insured; (overbought); before execution.

(4) Floating Policies, for each endorsement, (5) Marine Policies, other than those specified above, and (6) Fire, Accident and all other policies not specifically referred to above, where the amount insured does not exceed \$1,000; 20 cents; where the amount insured exceeds \$1,000; 50 cents. (7) Renewals, except life renewals, the same duty as on the original policy.

(From No. 5 to No. 7 the words "overbought" and "before execution" apply, while the insurer pays in every instance).
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LAWN BOWLS.

CIVIL SERVICE CLUB

"AT HOME."

The Civil Service Club opened the bowls season with a well-attended and highly successful "at home" on Saturday. Visiting teams from the Police, Talkoo, Kowloon, and Cran-gower Clubs took part, silver teaspoons being given as trophies to the winners. Lavish refreshments and fine weather helped to make it a very happy affair.
Mrs. Lings presented the spoons to the winners.

BEER AS MEDICINE.

AN AMERICAN DECISION.

ADVICE TO PROHIBITIONISTS.

Law Officers of the Crown are from time to time asked to answer odd questions, but we doubt whether they have ever had such a conundrum set before them as that which has recently occupied the Attorney-General of the United States. "Is beer a medicine?" was the problem which prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists combined to compose for him, and we are not surprised to hear that he took time to consider his decision. The tatty layman will be prone to answer with a negative. Beer is plainly not among the substances which we commonly call medicines. But that cannot decide the question. In the eye of the law many things are not what they seem. Now, both parties to the dispute agreed in treating beer as something outside the ordinary category of food. To the prohibitionists, we understand, it is a noxious drug; to their opponents a valuable stimulating beverage. It appears to us that the prohibitionists gave away their case. If a drug is not a medicine, what is it? The abusive adjective is nothing to the purpose. Innumerable drugs are noxious if consumed in sufficient amount, yet health-giving in a proper dose. And accordingly the Attorney-General has pronounced that beer is a medicine, and henceforth any free and independent citizen who can persuade his doctor to give him a certificate that he is in need of a nourishing stimulant will be legally entitled to obtain all the beer that he can pay for. It does not, regarding the matter from the darkness of the Old World, appear an extravagant extension of the principle of personal liberty. We are not in Europe inclined to regard beer as a dangerous beverage. That opinion is, we are told, shared by the United States officials charged with the task of enforcing the law of prohibition. They welcome the Attorney-General's decision on the ground that if people are easily able to obtain beer they will not be so thirsty for whisky; and, in consequence, there will be less difficulty in suppressing the illicit trade in liquor. Here we have an illuminating criticism on the practical value of a policy of prohibition. Prohibition is only possible if it is not enforced. We are not surprised to hear that the prohibitionists are very angry with the Attorney-General. Their chief spokesman protests sadly that beer was never intended to be a medicine. We submit that this argument leads nowhere. What the intentions of the first brewer or the last may be is nothing to the purpose. The first cow which gave milk did not, we presume, intend to produce medicine. The first cook who made soup was probably not a physician. Yet doctors are frequently observed to prescribe milk and beef-tea, and if they choose also to prescribe beer that terrible beverage must be presumed to have its value to the human frame. We can only advise the prohibitionists to extend their principle of total abstinence to argument and logic. The more they endeavour to reduce their creed to a reasonable form the more preposterous it appears.

EARTH GETTING WARMER.

NEW RADIUM THEORY OF MME. CURIE.

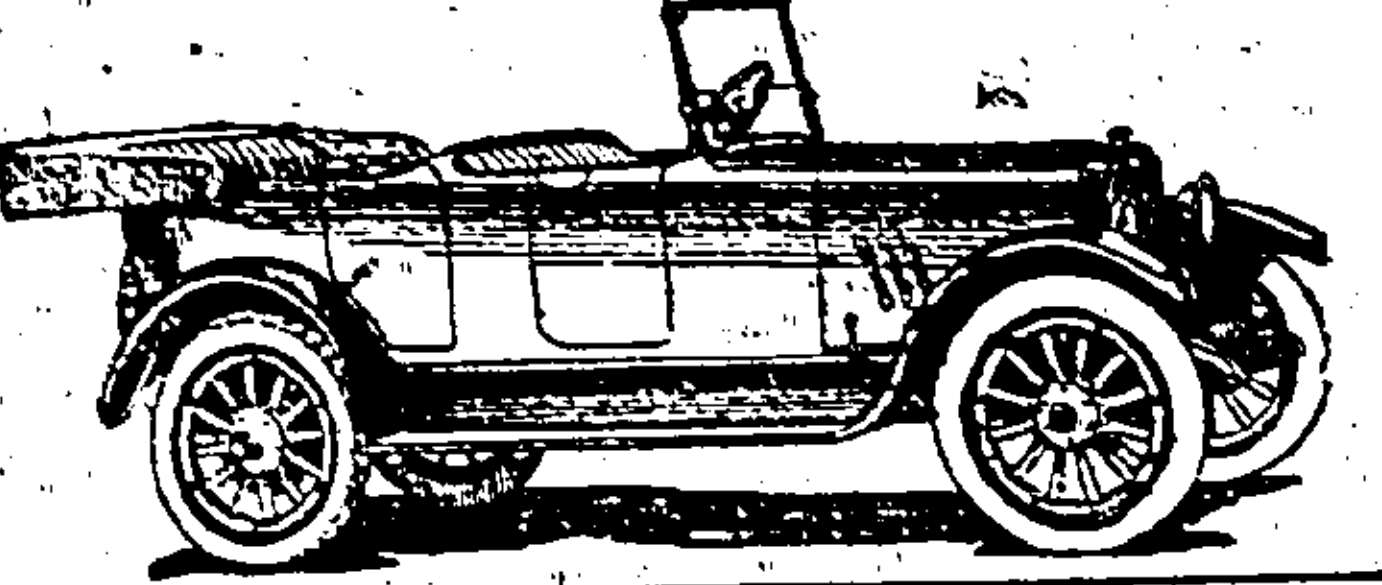
Interviewed for the Philadelphia Public Ledger, Mme. Curie, the discoverer of radium, has propounded a theory which throws doubt on the belief that the earth is constantly cooling. "Radio-active bodies give out heat and powerful radio-active substances, such as radium, are a constant source of heat," Mme. Curie says. "The study of radio-active elements shows that not only is it not certain that the earth is cooling, but it is even possible that it is getting constantly warmer. This changes all our opinions on the evolution of the terrestrial globe."

Home newspapers have, for years, during the silly season, amused themselves by discussing the entertaining possibilities of a strike by the clergy. Now China has shown the way for a Chinese paper asserts that the monks of the various temples in Sunkiang district numbering some 150, have proclaimed a strike to protest against the small amount of wages they receive from the head monks, which are insufficient for their livelihood on account of the high cost of living.

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SPORT.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE CRICKET.

O.B.A. V. STAFF AND PUPILS.

On the Indian Recreation Club's ground at Sookumpoo Valley on Saturday afternoon, a very interesting cricket match was played between teams representing the Old Boys' Association and the Staff and pupils of Queen's College.

Both sides were strongly represented and a very close and exciting game resulted in the O.B.A. winning by the narrow margin of nine runs.

The Old Boys batted first and put up the respectable score of 131 before the innings closed. Of the total, S. H. Ismail (41) and H. H. Taylor (43) contributed the highest scores. G. A. G. Hall, with 11, was the only other double figure contributor, while Mr. "Extras" was responsible for 10 runs.

The College started with De Rome and Curran at the wicket. They opened well, but after only five runs had been scored, Curran had the misfortune to give an easy catch and retired after having contributed only one run. S. A. R. Ismail joined De Rome and they put up a partnership which brought the score to 57 before they were separated. As in the case of the old boys, the tail failed to wag and three wickets followed for 20 runs. When the last man came in, 24 runs were required for victory. So well did he set about his job that the College looked like winning, but A. A. Rumjahn tempted him to put one in the air, and the match came to an end.

The scores were—

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

A. A. Rumjahn, b Bird	4
A. El Arculli, c Ralston b Curran	11
G. A. V. Hall, c De Rome b Curran	8
S. H. Ismail, c Kay b De Rome	41
H. H. Taylor, c Curran b Bird	43
D. Rumjahn, b De Rome	2
D. Rumjahn, b De Rome	2
Wong Po Keung, c Madar b De Rome	0
H. C. Hunt, h.w. Bird	0
S. A. Ismail, c De Rome b Bird	0
N. M. Bux, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	131

Bowling Analysis.

J. S. Curran	8	M.	R.	W.
R. E. O. Bird	10	2	31	4
W. Kay	6	—	34	—
A. H. Madar	3	—	14	—
F. J. De Rome	6	3	8	3

STAFF AND PUPILS.

F. J. De Rome, c Taylor b Arculli	33
J. S. Curran, c Arculli b A. A. Rumjahn	1
S. A. R. Ismail, c D. Rumjahn b Arculli	21
E. J. Edwards, c D. Rumjahn b Taylor	11
R. O. Bird, b Taylor	6
A. H. Madar, c A. A. Rumjahn b Taylor	8
W. Kay, N. M. Bux b Taylor	19
E. Nishida, b Taylor	4
J. Ralston, not out	3
M. J. Adal, b A. A. Rumjahn	0
A. Rutt, c D. Rumjahn b A. A. Rumjahn	11
Extras	5
Total	122

Bowling Analysis.

A. A. Rumjahn	8	O.	M.	R.	W.
S. H. Ismail	4	0	19	0	3
H. H. Taylor	10	1	40	5	0
A. El Arculli	6	0	24	2	—

THE OLYMPIAD.

HONGKONG'S FOOTBALL TEAM.

The final selections of the members comprising the football team to represent China in the forthcoming Olympiad at Shanghai, which have been left in the hands of the South China Athletic Association, have been made, the team being as follows:

Hui Shing-yiu, Fung Tai, Chan So, Leung Tai-fong, Leung Yik-tong, Cheung Wing-shing, Wong Pak-chung, Ip Kau, Au Kit-sang, Ko Si-wai, and Kwok Po Kan.

With the exception of Hui Shing-yiu and Ip Kau, the other members of the team have already represented China in previous Olympiad meets with excellent results. The team is a formidable one and will be able to give a good account of itself.

Team Coach: Lai Yek Tat, Lau Bing Ching and Fung Kam-wing will travel with the team as reserves, while Tong Pook Cheung will act as coach.

VOLLEY BALL.

TEAM FROM CANTON.

The selections for the volley ball team have been left to the Canton Volley Ball Club, this privilege being accorded them by reason of their win over the Hongkong team in the last match. Some of the members of the Olympiad team will, however, be drawn from the local organization, the policy of choosing only the best players being given first consideration.

OTHER EVENTS.

Selections for the track and field runners will be made at an early date. The Physical Committee of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. will have the duty of choosing the swimmers.

The Olympiad will take place somewhere at the end of May.

TENNIS.

FINAL OF OPEN DOUBLES.

Yesterday's match at the Hongkong Cricket Club did not provide any great excitement for the spectators, as the result was a foregone conclusion from the start. Townsend was not playing up to his usual form and the Hancocks were as usual making no mistakes to speak of.

The first set saw Townsend erratic and Edwards brilliant but uncertain. Apart from a few well-earned points which did not suffice to stem the progress of the brothers neither of them was in their class. The set went to the Hancocks brothers at 6-3.

The second set went to two all and Edwards and Townsend managed to get as far as 3-2, but struck a bad patch and the Hancocks evened it up. The brothers took the next two games for 5-3 and Edwards fought to 5-4 against bad luck. His pair could do no more, however, and the set passed to the Hancocks at 6-4.

In the third set the Hancocks went well away, taking game after game with but little trouble and helped considerably by several pieces of luck. Edwards made a fine effort and took the third and seventh games on his own, but the Hancocks would not be denied and took the last game of the set to love, 6-1.

The game was much too fast for Townsend, who showed up poorly. Edwards was good in spots, but he needs support from his partner more than most and did not get it.

There should be a good game in the Challenge round, when the Lo brothers will defend their title; but on the Hancocks' present form it looks as if there would be more than a likelihood of the title passing into English hands. Ng Sze Kwong meets M. K. Lo in the final of the Open Singles to-day, and the doubles challenge will complete the meeting.

Score to the Hancocks: 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

A. PLAYER.

THE LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The first matches of the 1921 season of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League, were played on Saturday. In the "A" Division, the C.R.C. v. U.S.R.C. match was postponed, but the Chinese "B" team received the K.C.C. at Causeway Bay, and secured their first victory by 59 games to 40.

Following were the results:

C. Choa and M. H. Lo beat Purvis and Hyde 7-4, beat Crocker and Millard 7-4, beat Grose and Woodman 6-5.

Lau Man-ching and Yew Man-tsun beat Purvis and Hyde 6-5, lost to Crocker and Millard 3-8, beat Grose and Woodman 8-3.

M. P. Lo and Lau Man-kwong beat Purvis and Hyde 9-2, beat Crocker and Millard 6-5, beat Grose and Woodman 7-4.

CHINESE INTERPORT.

SATURDAY'S SINGLES MATCHES.

At the C.R.C. on Saturday, play was continued in the Chinese Tennis Interport when a singles match was played between Wong Po Keung (Hongkong) and Cheah Keng-tye (Straits).

Excepting that he drove rather recklessly at times, Wong played a consistent game and outgeneralled his opponent. Cheah is the possessor of a very free style and an excellent backhand, but he made many mistakes which rendered him an easy victim for the Hongkong player. He appeared to be out of form, as he made a better showing in practice games. The game went to Wong, 6-3, 6-2.

M.W. Lo (Hongkong) was matched against Chung Ah Ming (Straits) in the other game, and although he had a harder time than Wong, he did not find much difficulty with his opponent, winning a good match in two straight sets 6-4, 6-4.

Ng Sze Kwong did not play owing to Tan Chong-kee, the pick of the Straits trio having been indisposed since the day after his arrival here.

The Interport comes to a close tomorrow when a doubles match will be played. The visitors leave on Thursday.

DINNER AT C.R.C.

In the evening, the Committee and members of the C.R.C. entertained the Straits players and a party of friends who accompanied them to dinner at the Club. The function which, was presided over by Mr. J. M. Wong, the President of the C.R.C., was a great success, and all had an enjoyable time. Many ladies attended. Music was provided by Mr. Miles' orchestra, and dancing followed dinner.

The loyal toasts having been honoured, the Chairman proposed the health of the visitors. He regretted the indispositions that had reduced the team, and dwelt on the value of such visits in improving the standard of play and increasing the interest in the game. He hoped it would be possible to put up an interport trophy and compete for it regularly.

Tennis was a game peculiarly suited to Chinese physique and temperament and of all the games introduced to them by their European friends, they had perhaps scored more success in this than in any other. He was sure they welcomed the Straits players very heartily and hoped to see some well-fought matches.

The toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr. K. T. Cheah responded for the visitors, thanking the C.R.C. for their kind welcome and regretting that the contest would not be as interesting as it might have been. He promised that another effort would be made to send a representative team up, with, he hoped, better success.

BILLIARDS MATCH TO-NIGHT.

Two of the Straits party being adepts at billiards, matches have been arranged for them at the Chinese Club to-night, when the visitors, Wong Chee Siong and Che Wan will meet Leung Kam Kong (Hongkong's champion) and Wong Po Keung, respectively in games of 500 up.

LIFE-SAVING AT SEA.

TESTS WITH LINE-THROWING PISTOL.

At Sutton, Surrey, a series of interesting tests were carried out with a new type of line-throwing pistol, the inventor of which is Mr. W. Schermuly, who is well-known in shipping circles in connection with his portable rocket apparatus for use at sea. The new pistol fires a steel-cased rocket, and, primarily, is intended for use in lifeboats stationed round the coast. Captain J. D. Daintree, C.B.E., R.N., and Captain H. F. J. Rowley, R.N., were present.

In lifeboat work it is often necessary to pass a line to a stranded vessel. With the lifeboat "yaving" about in a heavy sea an ordinary small rocket is of little use, because, with the movement of the boat, there is an appreciable period of time in firing it from the trough of the apparatus. What has been needed for a very long time past is a mechanical means of instantly projecting a line in a definite direction. It is to supply this need that Mr. Schermuly has evolved his new pistol. With this a small cartridge is exploded, which instantly projects the rocket from the pistol and the rocket is at the same time ignited, and it carries the line in the desired direction.

Two sizes of rocket and various sizes of "line" were used in the experiments, and it was shown that for ordinary lifeboat work a one-pound rocket, carrying a three-quarter inch line, would probably be the most efficient. Nearly all the shots were fired against the wind, which was, roughly, force 4. The one-pound rocket, carrying a three-quarter inch line, was projected 95 yards, and a similar rocket and line fired with the wind were projected 95 yards. With a half-inch line attached, the one-pound rocket fired against the wind attained a distance of 100 yards.

It is intended by the inventor to introduce a firing gun that will carry a much more powerful rocket giving a considerably increased range.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any abnormal looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

WEATHER permitting, the CHALLENGE ROUND of the OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES, R. & H. HANCOCK, v. M.V. & M.K. LO, will be played on

WEDNESDAY, 27th April, at 4.30 p.m.

Reserved Seats \$1 each. Booking at Messrs. MOUTRIE & Co. After the match the Prizes won during the Tournament will be presented.

Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

WANTED.

WANTED—STENOGRAPHER and TYPIST, for one week, 5.50 p.m.—7.30 p.m. and/or 16.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Machines available. Usual remuneration. Apply: Acting Chaplain, St. John's Cathedral Hall. Telephone 796.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY April 27, 1921,

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and afterwards at No. 51 Godown

25 bales Liverpool Twill, 3 1/2 lbs. Gunnies, 44" x 26" x 2 1/2 lbs. (8 x 8)

Terms—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON & STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"BENALDER,"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 7th May, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, April 23, 1921.

NIFFON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"AWA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 1st May, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIFFON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future, if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

NOTICE.

THE 2nd Wiltshire Regt. will hold their Regimental Sports on THURSDAY, April 28th, at 1.30 p.m. at Sookumpoo.

Major C. A. Law and the Officers will be at Home on the ground and will be very glad to see their friends if they will kindly accept this notice as an invitation.

Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

STEAMER FOR SALE.

UNDER instructions received from THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, LONDON.

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Sailed tenders should be lodged with Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Calcutta. The tenders which must be in Sterling, will be opened at Calcutta, on FRIDAY, the 17th June, 1921, and must be valid for 14 days after that date.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO., 16 Strand Road, CALCUTTA.

Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

STRUTHERS AND DIXON, INC.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "WEST JENA,"

From SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship

"WEST JENA,"

having arrived from San Francisco via ports on 25th April 1921, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 30th April 1921, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns and cargo undelivered on and after 2nd May, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC., Agents for Div. of Op. U.S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corps.

Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "WEST JESSUP,"

From SEATTLE.

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AN ENJOYABLE PICTURE.

Weather conditions that were highly agreeable helped to make the closing regatta and regatta of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held on Saturday afternoon one of the most enjoyable fixtures of the season. The afternoon's programme provided some keen racing in both the rowing and the sailing events and the large gathering of spectators spent a thoroughly interesting afternoon. The proceedings were enlivened with a series of instrumental selections by the band of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment.

Acknowledging an ovation accorded to Mrs. Severn, who presented the trophies won during the season, H.E. Hon. Dr. Claud Severn voiced the thanks of the gathering to all those who had helped to make the function such a notably enjoyable one. His Excellency in making reference to the approaching departure of the Club's Commodore (Mr. Frank Smyth) referred eulogistically to the great energy and enthusiasm displayed by Mr. Smyth in promoting the Club's interests. Members of the Victoria Recreation Club also voiced their appreciation of the courtesy shown them by the R.R.K.Y.C. in extending an invitation to take part in the Regatta.

The following were the officials of the day:

Starters: Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K. C., and Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, K. C.

Umpires: Messrs. W. Logan and E. B. Reed.

Judges: Lieut. Comdr. Drew, R. N., Lieut. Comdr. Hake R.N.R., and Mr. A. Murdoch.

Clerks of the Course: Messrs. E. W. Carpenter, T. Arthur and A. W. van Andel.

Consignees: Messrs. T. W. White and T. Pettley.

Regatta Secretary and Captain: Mr. J. S. McCann.

Time-keeper: Mr. D. K. Blair.

The following were the results of the contests:

SAILING RACES.

Cruiser Class: Chinese Rig, 1, "Niobe," Mr. Martin; English Rig, 1, "Bestever," Mr. Coolhaas.

Ladies' Yacht Races—Handicap Class, 1, "Dorothy," Mrs. Courtney; 2, "Diana," Mrs. Arthur; One Design Class, 1, "Halycon," Miss Lowe; 2, "Ailsa," Miss Denison; Hayward Class, 1, "Sirius," Mrs. Scriven; 2, "Tinetta," Mrs. Ramsay; 3, "Viking," Mrs. Hunt.

ROWING RACES.

Inter-Club Junior Four—1, V.R.C. Allcomers' Race, for Whalers, gigs and naval cutters—1, "Titania," 2, "Taranula."

Ladies' Race—1, Mrs. McCann, Miss Ramsey and Mrs. Ralston.

Inter-Club Junior Pair Oars—1, V.R.C.

Scratch Four—Mr. Carroll's crew.

Inter-Club Senior Pair Oars—1, V.R.C.

OTHER AWARDS.

The following prizes were also presented:

ANOTHER WAR
PREDICTED.

SIR PHILIP GIBBS' OPINION.

Interviewed recently in Chicago, Sir Philip Gibbs, the well-known London journalist, said:—There will be another great European war rather soon. The world has not moved forward as the result of the recent war, and Europe is repeating rather fully all the old mistakes. The balance of power notion is predominant again in the minds of statesmen in Europe despite the fact that it plunged that continent into the last debacle. The Franco-Polish Alliance and all other alliances which are being formed secretly or openly mean merely that Europe is choosing sides again for another battle.

Championships, 1920-1921.

Cruiser Class: Chinese Rig, 1, "Niobe," Mr. A. R. Lowe; 2, "Oenone," H.E. Dr. C. Severn.

English Rig, 1, "Bestever," Mr. Coolhaas; 2, "Irene," Mr. R. Sutherland.

Handicap Class: 1, Diana, Capt. T. Arthur; 2, "Dorothy," Mr. Geo. Hogg.

One Design Class: 1, "Ailsa," Mr. G. C. H. Colley; 2, "Daphne," Mr. V. G. Smyth.

"Hayward Hays Class": 1, "Ursula," Mr. H. S. Rouse; 2, "Dawn," Mr. J. C. Finch.

Gael Class: 1, "Tinetta," Mr. E. H. Dixon; 2, "Joan," Mr. J. Bentley.

Preliminary Races—Chinese Rig Cruisers (presented by Mr. A. van Andel): "Helen," Mr. A. W. Cornell; English Rig Cruisers (presented by Mr. D. K. Blair): "Bestever," Mr. Coolhaas.

Racing Yachts (by Mr. F. Smyth): Sonya, Mr. Wilkinson.

Niobe Cup (by Mr. A. R. Lowe): "Oenone," H.E. Dr. C. Severn.

Bestever Cup (by Mr. Coolhaas): "Ailsa," Mr. J. B. Thomson.

Diana Cup (by Capt. T. Arthur): "Gladys," Mr. S. Colman.

Ailsa Cup (by Mr. G. C. H. Colley): "Daphne," Mr. V. G. Smyth.

Ursula Cup (by Mr. H. S. Rouse): "Dawn," Mr. J. C. Finch.

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Commodore's Cup—Racing Yachts (by Mr. Frank Smyth): "Rolla," Mr. N. Croucher and "Gael," Mr. R. J. Dixon.

Commodore's Cup—Cruisers (by Mr. F. Smyth): "Irene," Mr. R. Sutherland; and "Oenone," H.E. Dr. C. Severn.

Vice-Commodore's Cup—Racing Yachts (by Mr. A. R. Lowe): "La Cigale," Mr. N. Croucher; and "Helen," Mr. A. W. Cornell.

"Tai Yut" Cup (for 1st and 2nd in class chumps): "Ailsa," Mr. G. C. H. Colley.

"Also Rax" Cup (presented by Mr. Frank Smyth and Capt. T. Arthur): "Halycon," Mr. A. R. Lowe; and "Gael," Mr. R. J. Dixon.

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The following telegram have been despatched to fraternal societies with a view to their delivery at their destinations to-day:-

To London:-
"Warmly reciprocal message and desire join you in any expression of good-wishes-furthering happy settlement present labour difficulties at home in interest contentment prosperity in England and Empire also please tender Hongkong Society's loyal and respectful greetings to His Royal Highness the President."

To Shanghai, Yokohama, Tientsin, Hankow, Canton and Singapore:-
"Heavy greetings with the wish for better times for our people at home a sound happy settlement labour and political difficulties resulting settled contentment prosperity England Empire and success progress British interests Far East."

With reference to the appeal to members on behalf of Warrior Day Fund, this had a ready and prompt response, and the Society has remitted to Earl Haig by telegraph £175. St. Andrew's Society co-operated with St. George's in this appeal and sent a like sum on their own behalf.

In accordance with the members wishes the sum of \$100 has been granted to local British schools for prizes for essays on subjects associated with St. George's Day. The Society has had the kind assistance of the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education in the exercise of this grant, part of which at his suggestion has been used to add new books to the school libraries.

Roses are being sent to Naval, Military and Civilian Hospitals in the Colony for distribution in the Wards with the Greetings of the Society. Baskets of Roses will be sent to Lady Stubbs and Mrs. Claud Severn with the members' greetings.

Greetings to all members, from the President and Committee.

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SPORT.

"HAWKINS" FOOTBALL.

OLD CREW V. NEW CREW.

The relief having arrived, the old crew of H.M.S. "Hawkins" has been paid off and will soon be returning home for demobilisation. As a send-off, a football match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday between the old XI who won this year's championship of the United Services League, and a team from the new crew. The match was useful as an indication of the chances of the Flagship in the coming football competition up North where the fleet is soon proceeding to stay some time in Shanghai.

The teams lined up as follows:-
Old Crew: McBride, Humphries and Edwards; Stewart, Wilkins and Morgan; Cunniffe, Bullard, Webb, Harris and Russell.

New Crew: Eaglestone, Whitehead and Burton; Barkham, Packard and Arkle; Canton, Sawyer, Osborne, Beadle and Wigley.

The Old Crew took possession of the ball at the opening whistle, and were soon in the danger zone where Eaglestone was severely tested, but saved creditably. Osborne started the new-comers' attack, but they were pulled up by Humphries who played his usual sound game. Play was very even for the first quarter of an hour, and then the new crew began to show signs of fatigue, which was not surprising as it was their first match out East, and the heat was very trying. The Old Crew had the monopoly of play, and scoring with regularity, had five goals to their credit when the half time whistle came. Although the New Crew tried hard, they did not reply.

With the score at 5-0 in their favour, the Old Crew did not relax, and with the opening of the second half, were again on the offensive. They rained in shots from all angles. Eaglestone saved many difficult ones before the ball was sent away and the hard-pressed defence was again able to breathe freely. However, they did not have much time to rest, and with the next attack, the Old Crew added their sixth goal. Towards the close of the game, the new-comers stretched themselves considerably, but the defence was too sound for them and they did not score. Then the Old Crew paid a last visit to enemy territory before time, and after a strenuous *melee* in front of goal, again scored. The final whistle came a few minutes later with the new men starting on a very promising offensive. The Old Crew won comfortably by the big margin of 7 goals to nil.

LAWN BOWLS.

THE 1921 SEASON.

Arrangements are being made for the opening day for the season of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, always a popular event with lawn bowlers. The date has been fixed for next Saturday at 3.30 and there is certain to be a large turnout if the weather is good.

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FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

In the spacious College hall on Saturday evening the first annual dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association was held. There were about 300 members present. An excellent repast was served by the Hongkong Hotel. Everyone enjoyed himself immensely, and the function afforded a happy augury for the future prosperity of the newly formed body. The guests of the evening were the past and present members of the Staff of Queen's College who are members of the Association, prominent amongst them being Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. R. E. O. Bird (acting headmaster), Mr. A. H. Crook (second master). The Senior Prefect of the College was also a guest. In the absence of the President (Sir Robert Ho Tung), Mr. U. Rumjahn (Vice-President) occupied the chair. Dinner was announced by the sounding of the school bell, rung by two "old boys" who entered the College in 1876.

After the toast of "The King," and "The Republic of China" had been honoured.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman proposed the toast of: "Queen's College and Staff." In "a few words of appreciation of his Alma Mater," he said:—Our old school—formerly known as the Government Central School—was instituted by the British Government in or about the year 1861, and in my time in the late seventies and early eighties was conducted by the late Dr. Frederick Stewart, who was later assigned to other official duties, namely those of Magistrate, Registrar-General, and Colonial Secretary, which last named office he held until his decease. Dr. Stewart's brilliant reputation as a scholar and administrator is too well known to call for any comment by me. Dr. G. H. Bateson Wright comes next into the school history and we are proud indeed to reflect upon our good fortune in having had such a capable successor to Dr. Stewart. Dr. Wright by reason of his sterling abilities won a reputation throughout the Far East which will ever serve to perpetuate his name in our school associations.

In or about the year 1889 the then Governor, Sir John Pope Hennessy, appointed a Commission to inquire into the question of providing more room for educational purposes than the Government Central School allowed, and eventually the outcome of the Commission's report, thereon was the erection of a new College close by the site of the Government Central School—which new College was in turn designated "Queen's College." With the years, the fame of the old Government Central School and Queen's College as an educational institution has spread over the whole world, and to-day, as ever, all who have passed through the hands of their able masters are proud to bear the title of Queen's College alumni. They are men who have gone into the world near and far and won in the spheres of officialdom, law, commerce, science and medicine those illustrious successes which only the most capable and industrious can hope to achieve.

In the field of sport our College has always held her own. Our masters both past and present have imbued us with the great British sporting instinct and to-day I think we might match and give a good account of ourselves in cricket, tennis, football and swimming against all comers.

To Mr. T. K. Dealy, the Headmaster up to May, 1918, to Mr. E. Ralphs, formerly 2nd Master now Inspector of British Schools, to our present brilliant Head Mr. B. Tanner, now on home leave, to Mr. R. E. O. Bird, the acting Headmaster in his stead, and their colleagues, our boys turn for inspiration, and these gentlemen have proved themselves equal to the occasion. This first gathering of our old boys in Hongkong is a great move in the right direction and it is, I am sure, the hope of everyone here present, that it is only the forerunner of many more happy and enjoyable assemblies of a similar nature. Such functions ought to become an annual institution.

The Chairman concluded by reading the following message from Sir Robert Ho Tung:—

"I would ask the presiding Chairman to be good enough to convey a message of my great regret at being unable to do myself the honour of presiding at our inaugural dinner. Please ask him to state on my behalf that I cordially wish our old College and our esteemed teachers all prosperity and that 'Queen's' will

continue to flourish as the intellectual nursery in Hongkong for Chinese students in this part of China. I wish our young Association a long career of usefulness and success."

THE HEADMASTER'S REPLY.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird, in replying to the toast, said it was a proud moment to stand there as the first headmaster to address the Queen's College Old Boys' Association. For Mr. Tanner's sake, and for the sake of the assembly, he wished Mr. Tanner were present to fill the role, but for his own sake he would not have it otherwise. (Applause). He felt that this was going to be an historic occasion. The Association would be like the banyan tree, throwing its branches far and wide, and like the banyan tree, carrying its roots with the branches, and dropping them into congenial soil in many a distant part of the world. "I think," continued Mr. Bird, "that it will be one of the pleasantest duties of the President, at future dinners, to read out telegrams from branch societies in all parts of the world. I know that old Queen's College boys have a very real and practical interest in Queen's College. (Applause). They like to have their sons educated here and to feel that Queen's College is maintaining that pre-eminence which it has labouriously and steadily acquired. I am not going into the history of Queen's College, as there are many around me who know far more about it than I do, but there are one or two landmarks that should be recalled on an occasion like this. Dr. Stewart came here in the year 1862. During the first year of the 'Government Central School' there were only 17 boys in the school; however, Dr. Stewart instilled them with such a love, of book-learning that Mr. Wong Ah Sui, whose name was first on the register, afterwards became librarian in the City Hall. I notice, also, that he carried this love of books still further. At that time the Government supplied the scholars with books, and there is a note in the register against this pupil's name that he did not return those books." (Laughter).

Since then, (said Mr. Bird) there have been 16,159 names on the register. (Applause)—so there is no doubt that Queen's College has had a very wide influence on the rising—and I may say the "rising"—generations of China. There are many famous old boys; I will not mention their names; it is sufficient to say there are at least 169 present to-night. (Laughter and applause). I may mention that our Chairman is the father of the first boy to win the King Edward VII scholarship. (Applause). The foundation-stone of Queen's College was laid in 1844; the Government, however, did not move very rapidly, and it was not until 1889 that this building was occupied. There were, at first, 716 boys in the building.

Queen's College should not be like a ship that passes through the water; the waves flow over its wake, and the trackless ocean bears no trace; it should be like a beacon which can throw its light far and wide, and all old boys should remember that they are acting in that light. They should remember that they are members of a corporate association. From the point of view of a master, it is a very good thing to have an Association of this kind. One of the unfortunate features of a master's life is that he continually sees boys passing away from him; every year he encounters fresh faces and it is only natural that he would like to know what happens to the boys who have gone. From the point of view of the boys, the Association is also a good thing; through it they can retain the friendships formed at school, friendships whose value is not always realised until years have passed. A regiment with old traditions fights better than one newly formed, and when we have crystallised all the traditions of Queen's College into this Old Boys' Association we shall be making a far better fight in life than we have done in the past. (Applause).

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Mr. A. H. Crook proposed the toast of "Queen's College Old Boys' Association." He remarked that the task was a simple one for in that assembly the toast spoke for itself and needed no words to support its claim to an enthusiastic reception. The only question that suggested itself was, "Why on earth was not the Association started long ago?" At home, many Colleges had Old Boys' Clubs, and it was to be hoped that something of the kind would develop in connection with Queen's College, a Club which might be the meeting place of social gatherings, and focus sporting and other interests. This

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Association had already blossomed into something more than a dinner society. Through the generosity of the Chairman the College had received a much-needed gift of screens for the tennis court. Mr. Crook suggested that old boys of Queen's College, now resident in the big cities of the Far East, might follow the example of their fellows in Hongkong and meet in a friendly gathering once a year.

Mr. C. G. Anderson (hon. sec. of the Association), in responding to the toast, remarked that in subsequent numbers of the *Yellow Dragon* they hoped to come across many similar acts of unselfishness to that referred to by Mr. Crook. As the goal of an educated man was to make this world a better place to live in, so their aim should be to make Queen's a better school for the rising generation to attend, a better school in the sense that every facility would be offered in all forms of sport; their mental development was in safe custody in the hands of their guests. Mr. Anderson mentioned that the Association owed a great deal to the initiative and spade work of Mr. J. C. Fletcher, without whose assistance it might not have been born. In possessing a master of such keenness, the College was heartily to be congratulated: in tendering him a vote of thanks *in absentia*, they wished him every success in his career as a teacher. Already 275 had been initiated into the "most distinguished order of the Old Boys' Association." (Laughter). As the Association was still in its swaddling clothes, progress in membership was satisfactory. Attempts should be made to enable others of the 16,000 old boys with the "Order"; to encourage them to form their own branch associations, and to subscribe to the school magazine, a medium through which to get into touch again with their College and their College friends. The General Committee would be grateful for any assistance to further this end, and the Chinese masters on the staff could render active service by supplying the names and addresses of old "Q.C.s" abroad. Thus would be furnished a living illustration of the dictum of the great Confucius, that "all within the four seas are brethren."

MENUS.

The following was the menu:
Hors D'Oeuvre.
Lobster Cocktail.
Ortol Soup.
Fish a la Menniere.
Tournedos a la Rossini.
Squab Chicken Sautee and Green Peas.
Peach Melba.
Dessert. Coffee.

THE CONCERT.

After dinner, the gathering was entertained at a very enjoyable concert given by a number of old boys and teachers of the College. The programme included pianoforte solos, songs, conjuring, banjo and piano duets, a Chinese duet, Chinese music, *sutra* chanting and club swinging, for which thanks were due to the following gentlemen: Messrs. E. J. Edwards, Hui Tsun, J. Ralston, A. el Arculli, Cheung Tsui, J. F. Grosse, W. Kay, Tam Wing Kwong, Yeung Shuk Ping, Lun In Tat and Dr. C. G. Wang.

At the conclusion, Mr. George Grimble, in a humorous little speech, remarked that the Secretary of the Old Boys' Association should do his

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SHOTS AT A JUDGE.

SAVED BY FOUNTAIN-PEN.

Another attempt was made to assassinate Dr. Ferreira de Sousa, judge of the Tribunal of Social Defence, when he entered his home after midnight. His life was saved by a fountain-pen. Two bullets struck his hand and his ear. A third pierced a pocket-book in the breast pocket and was deflected by a fountain-pen, falling harmlessly into the pocket. The criminal, who is supposed to belong to the Young Syndicalists' Association, escaped. This is the fourth recent assault on judges of the Social Defence Tribunal.

SUPERSTITIONS.

MOTHER'S DISH-CLOTH.

When a girl is married and goes away from home to set up her own housekeeping, she should always steal her mother's dishcloth to carry away with her; as that will prevent her being homesick. Besides it will probably bring her good luck.

There are brides, even to-day who begin married life by doing their own housework, and to such this superstition applies. This first part of it—the prevention of homesickness—is the part most extensively believed in, though both first and second propositions have their votaries. The source of this superstition is the same as that of many others—the idea of the primitive man that anything closely associated with a person came to partake, in time, more or less of that person's individuality. Unknown to herself this idea persists in the bride's "unconscious" as the psychologists call it, and to it is added the consciousness of handling in her daily task an article which brings before her fancy her mother engaged in hers. There is a sense of companionship in it, and likewise the half-formulated idea that she like her mother, is now set out on a domestic career of her own. Were it only an ornament of her mother's which she handled it might merely make her think of her mother and be homesick. But the dishrag is not only something closely connected with her mother, but it is associated with her in her capacity as housewife—a something of her mother with her and helping her, and useful to her in her daily tasks—and so she is not homesick; a fact which she ascribes to some magical properties in the dishrag and not to the magic of psychology.

The good luck idea comes in naturally through association. The mother has been the young bride's protector, guide, made things safe and pleasant for her. The dishrag partakes of the individuality of the mother; to it a primitive feeling transfers the mother's powers, making it potent for good fortune even as the mother has been.

best to induce some of the old boys who were not noticed at the dinner to enroll themselves. They should be impressed that they must not consider that their honour would be impaired by associating themselves with the Association.

The Chairman proposed the silent toast of old Queen's College boys who had joined the majority, after which Mr. Anderson announced that telegrams would be sent to Mr. Tanner, the headmaster on leave and Sir Robert Ho Tung about the proceedings. A flashlight photograph was taken of the gathering.

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